

STRANGE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Description of Barbarous Practices of Fanatical Religious Sect in The Philippine Island—From a Letter from an American Traveler

Under the American flag; in the twentieth century and within thirty minutes walk from the heart of the city of Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands, occurs yearly, a peculiar religious ceremony performed by the natives, which tends to rival the ancient rites and ceremonies of the sun worshippers of New Mexico and Arizona and reads like a page from out of the past, teeming with religious fanaticism and barbaric savagery.

At the foot of a low hill beneath the spreading trees, past which murmurs a pretty crystal brook on its journey to the great ocean, is erected a small shrine, covered with make-shift tent of hemp cloth and sacking. Decorated in multi-colored festoons of leaves and branches. This is the place of worship.

With the break of day comes the pilgrims, silently they come from out of the hills and neighboring "barrios" (villages). The crowd thickens as they gather upon the hill side and begin preparations for the ceremony, which is known throughout the land as "Siete Palabras" (Seven Words) relative to the last words spoken by Christ upon the cross. (See note 4.)

The worshippers, all men, begin by divesting themselves of all clothing excepting a loin cloth. Binding their nether limbs with strong rope, passing tightly round and round. Covering their faces with a cloth, they proceed to the top of the hill. (See note 3.)

Two women take their places within the tent beside the shrine and begin a chant, which continues throughout the day without interruption.

The devotees in order to reach the proper degree of exaltation commence by turning a series of hand-springs or cart-wheels down the hill side, rolling over from side to side always towards the shrine. Gradually this seething momentum as they proceed down over the rough ground, bruising themselves at each turn. After what seems to be an hour or more, but which is in reality ten or fifteen minutes, the worshippers now well worn out from their strenuous exercise and the heat of the tropical sun which beats down upon them without mercy, kneel before the shrine and with bowed heads receive a crown of thorns.

Taking up a lash, constructed of ten or twelve twigs, each finished with pieces of wood or metal—not unlike the cat-o-nine-tails they again take station on the hill side. Placing one arm across their breast, the other grasping the lash they move forward, at each step swinging the lash from side to side in such a manner that the ends of the lash fall upon their bare backs, raising a welt at each stroke. Slowly they proceed down the hill side, striking to right and to left in sickening, rhythmic precision. Half of the devotees is now covered, when through weakness caused by the incessant beating and the severe heat, they fall prostrate upon their faces.

A man fully garbed and armed with a short stick, on one end is fastened a flat piece of wax in which are imbedded pieces of broken glass. He now approaches, striking fiercely at the upturned backs of the worshippers as they lie upon the ground. Ten or twelve blows from this instrument of torture is usually sufficient to cause the blood to flow freely from their now swollen and discolored sides.

The worshippers, now the insensible to pain, resumes the flagging with renewed vigor, moving ever forward toward the shrine. Slower and slower becomes his steps, slower and with less force fall his blows. He totters, half crazed and delirious, yet filled with the thought that he will be made pure, falls to his knees, rises only to fall again, prone upon his face he lies.

Walking about among the still, bleeding forms of the worshippers, several men equipped with long thongs of leather or raw hide, strike ferociously at the upturned backs, which from the top of the hill show a bright red, glistening and blazing in the glare of the sun. Stepping from one to another the torturers proceed with their hellish work, now and then taking a drink from a bottle of "Vino" a native beverage which both revives and intoxicates them, furnishing them with renewed strength and vigor that they may complete their part in this ghastly affair. The worshipper now raises his bloody and mangled body and

GLEANNERS' MEMORIAL

Beautiful Services Commemorative of Companions Who Have Passed on Held By Ottokee Arbor Ancient Order of Gleaners Sunday—Memorial Read By H. H. Hough.

Perhaps there are citizens of Fulton county who are unaware that the largest Arbor of the Ancient Order of Gleaners in the State of Ohio is located at Ottokee in Fulton county. This Arbor of about 200 members held their annual Memorial Service last Sunday in the Methodist church at that place. The church was well filled and the program consisting of songs, readings and recitations was very appropriate and very beautiful.

The leading feature of the program was a memorial prepared and read by H. H. Hough of Wauseon who is a member of the Ottokee Arbor and also a Supreme officer of the Order serving as an organizer in the State of Ohio. Mr. Hough's memorial is printed in full herewith. F. E. Kenyon gave a memorial address and the graves of departed companions were decorated with floral emblems of the Order.

IN MEMORIAM
Only a little token,
Offered for Companionship's sake
Picture and song together
Here, with my greeting, take.

What the brightest pictures
Time's hand at last has laid;
What the earth's songs awaken
Only to sleep again?

Voices once loved, ring ever
In faithful listing ears;
The sacred hand of Companionship
Gleams thru the mist of years.

Ottokee Arbor A. O. O. G. was organized on the 10th of May, 1904. The first death in the order was that of Companion Florence Jones, April 5th, 1906, who now lies in Oak Shade cemetery. Her stay among us as a Gleaner was brief, but in that short time we all learned to love Companion Florence, as her life was one of good cheer, and as she moved among us she made our lives more cheerful.

She was of sweet disposition, a dear Balm,
A happy and auspicious bird of Calm.
On July 4th, 1913, Companion William Wentz was the next one of our members to be called to that great beyond from which no traveler ever returns. Companion Wentz was a member of our Order for three years and the first of the charter members to be taken by death. He was the first Chaplain of our Arbor in which capacity he served for three years with great credit to himself and the order.

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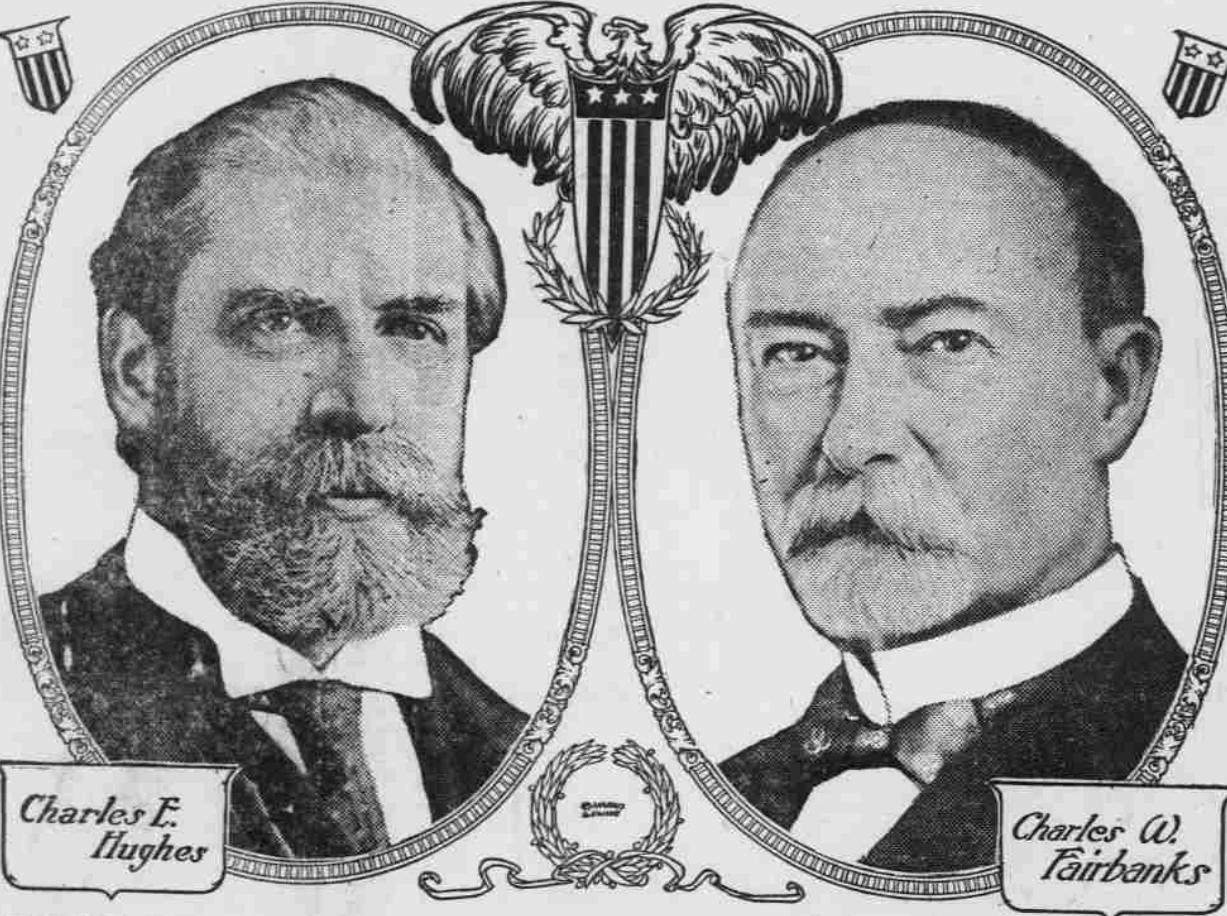
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REPUBLICAN STANDARD BEARERS



A TRUE AND LOYAL AMERICAN
Charles E. Hughes Associate Justice of The Supreme Court of The United States
Nominated By Republican National Convention For President of The United States

By a vote of 949 1/2 the Republican National Convention nominated Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes of the Supreme Court of the United States to be the candidate of the Republican party for President of the United States, last Saturday.

The nomination was unanimous and it took but one ballot to nominate Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, as candidate for vice president.

Justice Hughes was nominated without any effort on his part and the action of the National Convention last Saturday will go down in history as one of the rare instances in American politics when the place and the honor sought by the man and not the man and the place.

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LOYAL MEN GO TO DELTA.

With an attendance of fifty-one in the Loyal Men's Class of the Christian Church last Sunday, a decision was reached to accept an invitation from the men of the Delta Christian Church to visit that Bible School. The trip will be made next Sunday the 25th T. and L. car has been chosen and all the men will go in a body and march from the car to the church in Delta. They will remain for the morning church service. At a later date the men of the Delta school will return the visit. All men who have ever been enlisted with this class will be welcomed gladly for this interesting visit next Sunday.

SPEND SUMMER ON VOLCANO.
To study the return of plant life in an Alaskan volcano, Prof. Robert F. Griggs of the department of botany of The Ohio State University, accompanied by his family, left recently for Mt. Katmai, a volcano near the western coast of Alaska. The eruption of the volcano four years ago destroyed every vestige of plant life in the vicinity.

After landing in a small boat, the party will explore up to the crater. For supplies they will be dependent upon a small base which will be exposed to chance. Mice, rats, water will be scarce, obtainable only in a thick, gritty form, strained from pumice and ash.

ANNUAL MEETING

Wauseon Booster's Club Hold Annual Meeting—Officers Chosen— Movement To Organize Company of National Guards in Wauseon Receives Endorsement.

Responding to the call published in the newspapers last week a number of those interested in the organization of a company of National Guards in Wauseon met with the Boosters Club last Monday night at T. & J. Hall. Vice President Wager of the Club called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting would be in charge of J. F. Outcalt for the purpose of presenting the matter of a military organization. Mr. Outcalt explained conditions which obtain in the Sixth Regiment O. N. G. at the present time which makes it possible for Colonel Howard to place an infantry company in some town outside of Toledo. Mr. Outcalt detailed the advantages of a military company to the town and to the individual members of such an organization. Sergeant Frigg of the Ambulance Company of the Sixth Regiment also spoke of the advantages accruing to members of the National Guards.

The recent act of Congress gives to all National Guardsmen one fourth the pay of regular army soldiers in the regular army during times of peace and full pay for any actual service. A number of others spoke and Mr. Outcalt moved that the matter be referred to the town and to the individual members of the National Guards.

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AUGUST PRIMARIES

Entries For The Contest Which Will Close August Eighth—State and County Candidates for Nomination—Central Committee.

On Thursday night June eighth the door to the August Primary Election swung shut and the list of entries for the race in which the prize is a place on the ballots next November was complete.

Six Republicans and three Democrats are in the race to represent the State of Ohio in the United States Senate. The Republicans are Myron T. Herrick, Chas. Dick, E. E. Cassel, Harry M. Daugherty, D. De Mott Woodmansee and Harry R. Probasco. The Democrats are Alice Fomereaux, Frank S. Monett, and John J. Lentz. Following is the list of entries for State offices:

GOVERNOR
Republican: Frank B. Willis, Geo. Shaw, Mannard G. Norton, Rudolph A. Mack.
Democrat: Jas. M. Cox, A. P. Sandies, C. Martin.

LEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Republican: John A. Arnold, Allen C. McDonald, Abram W. Agler.
Democrat: D. L. Sutton, Earl D. Bloom, E. J. Hopp, Geo. W. Tohill.

SECRETARY OF STATE
Republican: C. Q. Hildebrand.
Democrat: Wm. D. Fulton, Wm. A. Weyandt, Thornton B. Snyder, Colum C. Weekman, Carl Faulkner.

TREASURER OF STATE
Republican: Stephen A. Stillwell, Chas. D. Conover, Jacob J. Wise, Joseph A. Tracy, Geo. C. Braden, Hayes M. Adams.
Democrat: Viv Donahue.

JUDGE SUPREME COURT
Republican: James G. Obermeyer, Willis Vickery, Cyrus Newby, Jas. I. Allyread, Augustus Summers, Jas. Joyce.
Democrat: Maurice H. Donahue, Jas. G. Johnson.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Republican: Edward C. Turner.<